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Reports from
"Forschungsdienst Ost Europa"

REFERENCES: A. EGMA-11067, 7 Feb 57
B. EGMA-25199, 6 Feb 57
C. EGMA-22455, 6 Feb 57
D. EGMA-39004, 6 Feb 57
E. EGMA-10943, 23 Jan 57
F. EGMA-8768, 11 May 56

ACTION REQUIRED: Elicitation of further operational information on the
Mende relationship.

1. The following Headquarters comments are in response to the questions raised in paragraph 3 of reference K:

a. As far as we are aware, KUBARK does not at present have access to Mende's reports via another channel. In the absence of MOS and POS (reference B and C) indications to the contrary, we understand that no KUBARK base is presently receiving information directly from

b. In the light of our past brief dealings with Mende and with his type of report, and on the basis of reference A listing of his present fields of interest, Subject material appears to be of interest and possibly of value. Pending the results of an evaluation and analysis of reference A and B reports, we should like to receive any further material offered by Mende, providing of course that does not reveal our interest to Mende in their transactions. should be cautioned to receive this material on a strict "no-comment" basis and, for his own operational security as well as ours, not to indicate to Mende any ODIOES or special interest in acquiring Mende's services.

c. Since we have not yet received the reports forwarded with references A and B, we cannot of course offer any final recommendation as to which KUBARK customers would be able to use them most efficiently and effectively. We have the impression from the reference A listing, however, that

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this material consists mainly of non-current, research and analytical reports which would be of interest primarily to specialized evaluation and reports offices. We suggest therefore, especially in view of Bonn's duplicating difficulties, that a single copy of these reports continue to be sent through normal reports channels to COS for evaluation, possible field dissemination, passage to KHLIYI (if, in the opinion of COS/Reports, the material warrants such processing), and subsequent transmittal to the appropriate Headquarters area reports section for possible further analysis and utilization by Headquarters KHBARI and other COMINT customers. (Note COS/Reports: It would facilitate Headquarters routing of this material if, in the COS transmittal to EE, each report were separately earmarked for the specific Headquarters area reports section primarily concerned with that report's subject matter.) Although this material appears to be of a type beyond the evaluation and analysis capabilities of any base, we would have no objection to the reports being forwarded for operational purposes to individual German Station bases, as requested in references B and C, if additional copies can conveniently be made by Bonn base.

2. As a natural by-product of our procurement of these reports from [redacted], and as an aid in the assessment of the Mende material, we should be interested in eliciting additional operational information from [redacted] on this latest revival of the Mende-[redacted] relationship. For example:

[redacted] a. What is Mende's purpose in making these reports available to [redacted] (Our best guess here is that he wants to ensure his future in the event of a QKELUSION election victory.) Is he getting something from [redacted] in return?

[redacted] b. Is there any particular kind of report (re subject matter, geographic area, political slant, etc.) that Mende is apparently trying to push on to [redacted]?

[redacted] c. Any information regarding Mende's own multifarious intelligence activities vis-a-vis UPSPING, SMYTH, RECHOPING, etc.

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